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Attorney's Docket No. 030682-103

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of) **BOX AF**
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Application No.: 09/667,783) Group Art Unit: 2124
Filed: September 22, 2000) Examiner: Chuong D. Ngo (R-3085)
For: SQUARE ROOT EXTRACTION)
CIRCUIT AND FLOATING-POINT)
SQUARE ROOT EXTRACTION)
DEVICE)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application.

In the final rejection, the Office rejects claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being clearly anticipated by the DeTroye patent (U.S. Patent No. 4,748,581). This rejection continues to be traversed.

In the commentary accompanying the final Office Action, the Office suggests that the computation in the DeTroye patent "can be seen as being performed by only additions by the plurality of full adders (FA), and the EXOR gates (EO1) are used to provide inputs $q_i \wedge q_j$ as that of the present invention to the adders." The Office also speculates that the "present specification[,] although does not disclose EXOR gates, the claimed invention as disclosed must include some logic means for providing EXOR inputs $q_i \wedge q_j$ to the adders as

that of DeTroye." Applicants respectfully submit that the Office has misunderstood the reference. The DeTroye patent includes CAS (controllable add/subtract) cells in its root extraction circuit. These are disclosed at column 2, beginning at line 17, as including a full-adder circuit FA and further exclusive OR-gate E01, E02 and E03, which collectively act as a CAS cell. The confusion appears to be that the Office is extracting part of a CAS cell which includes a full adder, but not the exclusive OR-gates, and suggests therefore the circuit includes only full adders. However, Applicants respectfully submit that this circuit has to be viewed in its entirety. In its entirety, Fig. 1 discloses a CAS cell, as clearly disclosed at column 2, line 17. The mere fact that it includes a full adder as a component does not detract from the fact that it both adds and subtracts and requires four inputs a_i , b_i , c_i and p .

Furthermore, Applicants do not disclose the use of exclusive OR-gates as configured in the DeTroye patent insofar as it does not use them. Instead, the present invention uses only adders, rather than adders that are configured together with exclusive OR-gates to act as either adders or subtracters.

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the DeTroye patent does not disclose the presently claimed invention insofar as it uses conventional CAS cells, such as disclosed in the background section of the present application.

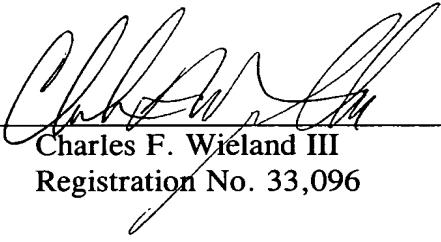
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In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-captioned application. Should any residual issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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